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MONROVIA FOR SECRETARY'S PARTY

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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S TRIP TO AFRICA AND NIGERIA

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1. REACTION FMG OFFICIALS WITH WHOM EMBOFFS HAVE DISCUSSED SECRETARY'S LUSAKA SPEECH UNIFORMLY FAVORABLE. SOME HAVE COUPLED POSITIVE COMMENT WITH CAVEAT THAT TIME WILL TELL IF USG MEANS WHAT IT HAS NOW SAID, BUT ALL HAVE EXPRESSED GRATIFICATION AT WHAT SECRETARY SAID.

2. MEA OFFICIAL TOLD US TODAY THAT IT WAS "A PITY SECRETARY HAD NOT MADE SPEECH EARLIER." EXPLAINING THAT THERE HAD BEEN CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION WITHIN FMG OVER QUESTION OF SECRETARY'S VISIT TO LAGOS, NIGERIAN DIPLOMAT SAID DECISION "WOULD PROBABLY HAVE BEEN DIFFERENT" HAD HIS SPEECH BEEN ON RECORD AT THAT TIME.

3. WITH REGARD PROPOSAL FOR SECRETARY VISIT NIGERIA THIS JUNE (REFTELS), OFFICIAL SAID COMMISSIONER GARBA "IS STILL CONSIDERING" THE MATTER.
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